

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Joe Brehler, Brian Droscha, Brian Lautzenheiser and Jeanne Pearl-Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jim Mott.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum, Brandon Haskell, Dairus Reynett and Barbara Rogers; Doug Lloyd, Brian Reed, Eric Helser, Suzanne Schultz, Kris Krstovski, John Ingraham, Mike Popa, John Fuentes and Connie Sobie.

The November 12, 2021, regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Mulder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the October 15, 2021, Ways and Means Committee meeting. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Limited Public Comment.

Equalization Director Tim Vandermark presented and reviewed the 2021 Apportionment Report. Discussion held. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the 2021 Apportionment Report to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Delta Township Manager Brian Reed was present to discuss the Delta Township Corridor Improvement Authority Plan. Suzanne Schulz, consultant from Progressive AE, was present to discuss the TIF plan including the capture of taxes for properties in the development area and how the development would generate tax revenues in the future. Eric Helzer from Advanced Redevelopment Solutions, was present to provide an explanation of the tax capture and funding scenarios. Kris Krstovski from K2 Retail Construction and Development was present to discuss specific details of the development. Discussion held. Commissioner Brehler moved to authorize for the Controller to continue to proceed with necessary documents for establishing the tax sharing agreement based on the proposed plan based on an 80% capture of the future valuation increases for a 20-year period. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting at 9:54 a.m. for a five minute break.

Chairman Mulder reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

A proposed project development for an Energy and Infrastructure program through Johnson Controls was presented and discussed (attached). Account Executive John Ingraham and Area Manager Mike Popa provided a presentation regarding the program. Discussion held. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the Johnson Controls Performance Contracting Project Development Agreement to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fuentes provided an update to the Public Improvement project expense and an update of project schedules (attached). Mr. Fuentes indicated the energy and infrastructure program may allow funds for planned projects that may fall under the program to be allocated to other projects in the future.

An employee's request to purchase a 1994 John Deere 4100 tractor was presented and discussed. No action taken to approve the employee request, equipment will be disposed of per existing County policy.

An update of the position vacancies was presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Augustine moved to refill the position vacancies as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2022 General Employee Holiday Schedule was presented (attached). There was discussion regarding the addition of the Juneteenth Independence Day federal holiday recognized on June 19. Commissioner Augustine moved to amend the holiday schedule to add the recognition of Juneteenth Independence Day as a paid holiday for employees. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The September Health Insurance Expenditure report was presented (attached). The report indicates an unfavorable variance of (\$255,115) compared to the budget projection for both the County and Health Department. The County's portion is an unfavorable variance of (\$209,158). The County's active employees' unfavorable variance is (\$186,660) and the retirees' unfavorable variance is (\$22,498).

An update of the Child Care Fund was presented and discussed (attached). Based on the updated projection of revenues and expenditures the estimated fund balance at September 30, 2021 is \$325,902.

A request was presented from the Drain Commissioner for the pledge of the County's Full Faith and Credit for the Glenn No. 2 Drain Drainage District. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of full faith and credit for Glenn No. 2 Drain Drainage District in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget amendments were presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the 2021/22 budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions to approve an application for extension of the Prosecuting Attorney Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant not to exceed \$135,715 and to authorize the Trial Courts CESF Grant application in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 were presented (attached). Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the CESF grant applications for the Prosecutor and Trial Courts. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

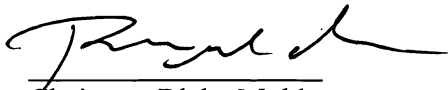
Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the payment of the claims against the County in the amount of \$681,410.27 and immediate claims in the amount of \$22,350,821.42 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Prosecutor Doug Lloyd thanked the Committee for the amended holiday schedule. He spoke about the difficulty in hiring employees, recognizing it is a multifaceted problem and the need to be creative in hiring strategies. As part of that, he discussed the solar project being implemented as covered parking and being able to include that as an incentive for hiring as well as for an environmental friendly working environment. Mr. Lloyd provided additional information about hiring and retention challenges within his office and across the State.

There was discussion by Commissioners regarding the impact of the vaccine and testing requirement on retention and hiring. Both the Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services and CEI Community Mental Health have experienced resignations based on the vaccine requirements.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Way and Means Committee will be held Friday, December 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.


Chairman Blake Mulder